



# **Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office**

## **Operations Directorate — Fact Sheet**

### **Planning Guidance, Policy & Doctrinal Review**

**ISSUE:** DPMO responsibilities for reviewing key policy documents and doctrinal publications

**BACKGROUND:** One of the most effective means available to DPMO to provide policy, control and oversight for personnel recovery is to influence key documents that guide policy and operational decision-makers. Three central elements of our defense strategy are responding to the full spectrum of threats, shaping the international environment to promote U.S. interests, and preparing now for the dangers of tomorrow. DPMO examines documents and publications that execute this strategy to ensure they appropriately address personnel recovery matters. The most important documents that reflect DoD intent for these strategy elements are the *Defense Planning Guidance*, the *Contingency Planning Guidance*, and the *Strategic Military Intelligence Review for Support to Military Operations*. Joint doctrine is also an excellent venue for DPMO to advocate personnel recovery.

### **DISCUSSION:**

**Defense Planning Guidance:** The *Defense Planning Guidance* (DPG) contains defense strategy and the guidance for key planning and programming priorities to execute that strategy. In this most recent draft, we have been very successful to include personnel recovery throughout the document, as appropriate.

**Contingency Planning Guidance:** The *Contingency Planning Guidance* (CPG) provides guidance to the combatant commanders concerning contingencies and includes the Prioritized Regional Objectives for DoD. We successfully recommended insertion of personnel recovery into the CPG. The Prioritized Regional Objectives are copied from the CPG into the *Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan*. The CINCs use the Prioritized Regional Objectives to write their Theater Engagement Plan. Theater Engagement Planning addresses shaping the international environment to promote U.S. interests. The Theater Engagement Plan has two parts. The first is the CINC's Strategic Concept and the second is the Yearly Activity Annexes. DPMO reviews the Strategic Concepts during OSD coordination.

**Strategic Military Intelligence Review:** The *SIR* establishes core intelligence issues of highest priority, identifies needs and gaps, and provides a common framework and substantive guidance for allocating intelligence collection and production resources. It now addresses requirements to support personnel recovery. Inclusion of personnel recovery in this document ensures the DoD intelligence community properly supports personnel recovery with a high priority.

**Joint Doctrine:** Joint doctrine is a Joint Staff responsibility (J7) and is "authoritative." To date, all our comments concerning personnel recovery in joint doctrine have been included.

**Joint Publication 3-50, National Search and Rescue Manual**

**Joint Publication 3-50.2, Doctrine for Joint Combat Search and Rescue**

**Joint Publication 1-0, Doctrine for Personnel Support to Joint Operations**